

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Jones House Inventory Number: AA-743  
Address: 1401 Annapolis Road City: Odenton Zip Code: 21113  
County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Odenton  
Owner: Hazel Jones Lowman Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 159 Tax Map Number: 21 Tax Account ID Number: 02908500  
Project: Baltimore-Washington Maglev Amtrak Agency: MTA  
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Roger White, "The Jones Family-A Railroad Tradition" (Heritage Times, June 1997:26-28).

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The Jones House is a two-story, three-bay wide, two-bay-deep, side-gabled frame dwelling set on a low stone foundation. It has a center cross gable, a hip-roofed, full-width, screened front porch, and a two-story, two-bay-deep, one-bay-wide, gabled rear ell. The eaves have a moderate overhang and partial returns in the gables. Two tall brick chimneys protrude from the main roof peak on either side of the center cross-gable. The house is clad in dark red wooden shingles and has white louvered shutters flanking its windows. All of the windows have two-over-two original wooden sash, and the front door has narrow sidelights and a thin single-pane transom.

The rear section of this house was constructed sometime before 1874, when Jeremiah Jones and his wife Dena (both born c. 1850 and married 1872) first rented the property. Jeremiah Jones was an employee of the Annapolis & Elk Ridge Railroad. The couple later purchased the house, which stood along a north-south road then known as Telegraph Road (more recently, Lokus Road). The property was far more extensive than today, and eventually included a barn, meat house, chicken house, hay loft, and a summer kitchen, which still stands in the back yard. Jeremiah Jones spent the greater part of his career after 1895 working as a watchman at the crossing of Odenton Road and the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad (later Pennsylvania Railroad and now Amtrak). The Joneses had one son, W. Leonard Jones (b. 1873), who grew up to become a railroad employee as well. From 1891 on, Leonard worked in the switch tower at the junction of the B & P and the former Annapolis and Elk Ridge Railroad,

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

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MHT Comments

CONTRIBUTES TO DISTRICT

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

8/14/03

8/15/03

Date

Jones House

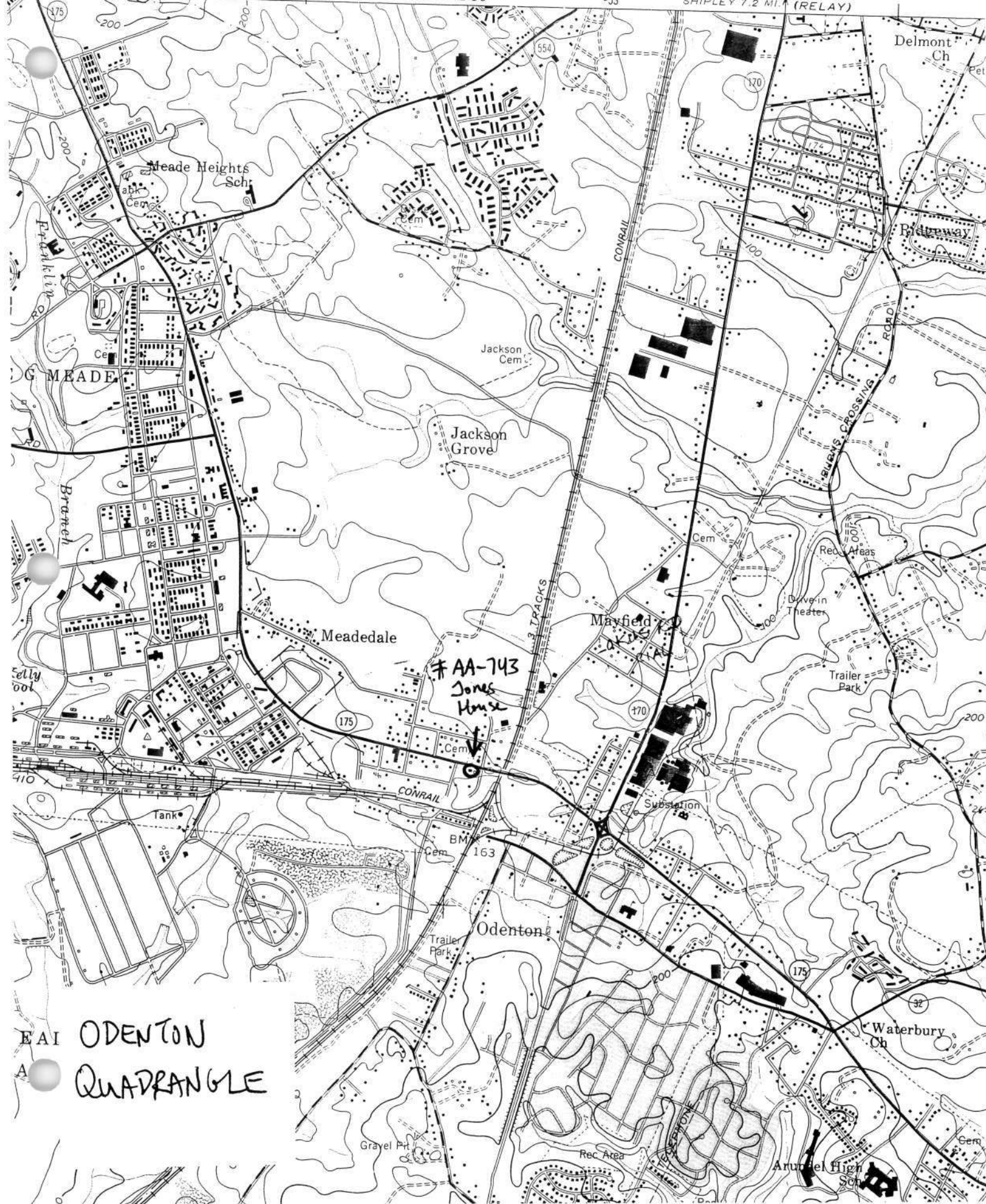
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which became the Annapolis, Washington & Baltimore in 1886. Along with controlling train traffic, he was the town's telegraph operator.

Leonard Jones married Myrtle Disney in 1901 and soon added a new wing to his parents' house. This wing is the present cross-gabled front section of the home. He and his wife had four daughters, one of whom died in infancy. Two daughters, Lucille Jones and Hazel Jones Lowman, grew up to work for the railroads and at Camp Meade. Hazel worked for the WB & A in Baltimore until she married in 1929. Lucille continued to live in the house for the rest of her life and worked for the WB & A until the 1930s. Following that, she worked for 26 cumulative years as a civilian at Camp Meade plus a stint at a Washington department store. Through her lifetime, she commuted to jobs in Annapolis, Baltimore, Fort Meade, and Washington from Odenton. Lucille died in 1991 and left the house to her sister Hazel, who is still listed as the current owner and a Washington, DC resident. In recent years, reworking of roads and the expansion of the MARC commuter parking lot has taken much of the home's original property. Of the many outbuildings, only the summer kitchen survives.

The Jones House has a well-documented history of ownership and occupation by three generations of the same family from the 1870s into the 1990s. Both Jeremiah and Leonard Jones played significant roles in the community through their work for the railroads, and Lucille and Hazel followed them into the railroad business but were forced to look further afield for work. Lucille was also one of a number of local residents employed by Fort Meade, and was an active citizen in town. Despite the loss of its original grounds, the house itself is extremely well-preserved and retains most of its integrity. It is an excellent example of the cross-gable homes built in rural area and small towns around the turn of the century. For these reasons, the Jones House is recommended eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A and C.

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JONES HOUSE

ODENTON SURVEY / HISTORIC DISTRICT AA-869

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VIEW TO SOUTH

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Jones House 1401 Annapolis Rd., Odenton

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View to SW showing original (rear) section of house

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View to SW showing rear (original) wing and historic outbuilding

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Jones House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Southwest corner of Lokus Road at Md. Rte. 175

CITY, TOWN

Odenton

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☐ ACCESSIBLE  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jones house is of frame construction, two stories high, three bays wide by two bays deep, and faces east. It is clad in wood shingles, with asphalt shingles covering the roof. A lower two-story ell, two bays wide by one bay deep, extends to the rear from the center of the building, resulting in a T-form. (This ell is probably an earlier building which has been incorporated into the present structure.) A one-story shed-roofed enclosed porch occurs on the south side of the ell.

A one-story, half-hipped screened porch extends across the principal (east) facade, sheltering the entrance which is located in the central bay with a 2/2 sash window on either side. On the second floor, three smaller 2/2 sash are aligned over the first-floor openings. A low cross gable rises above the central bay. The cornice is molded, with short returns at the gables. Corbeled brick interior chimneys exit from the ridge of the roof at either side of the central bay.

Two 2/2 windows pierce each story of the north gable, and correspond in size to their counterparts on the east facade. The fenestration of the north facade of the ell is slightly irregular: there are two 2/2 windows on each story, but the one in the east bay on the first floor is placed somewhat to the east of the expected location. A corbeled brick chimney exits from the ridge at the center of the roof of the ell. A small outbuilding clad in novelty siding with a brick interior end chimney stands southwest of the house.

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# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site is significant as a substantially unaltered example of the three-bay, center gable form characteristic of rural Maryland domestic architecture through the second half of the nineteenth century.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
_____	_____
STATE	COUNTY
_____	_____

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

February 1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle - Shaw House

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

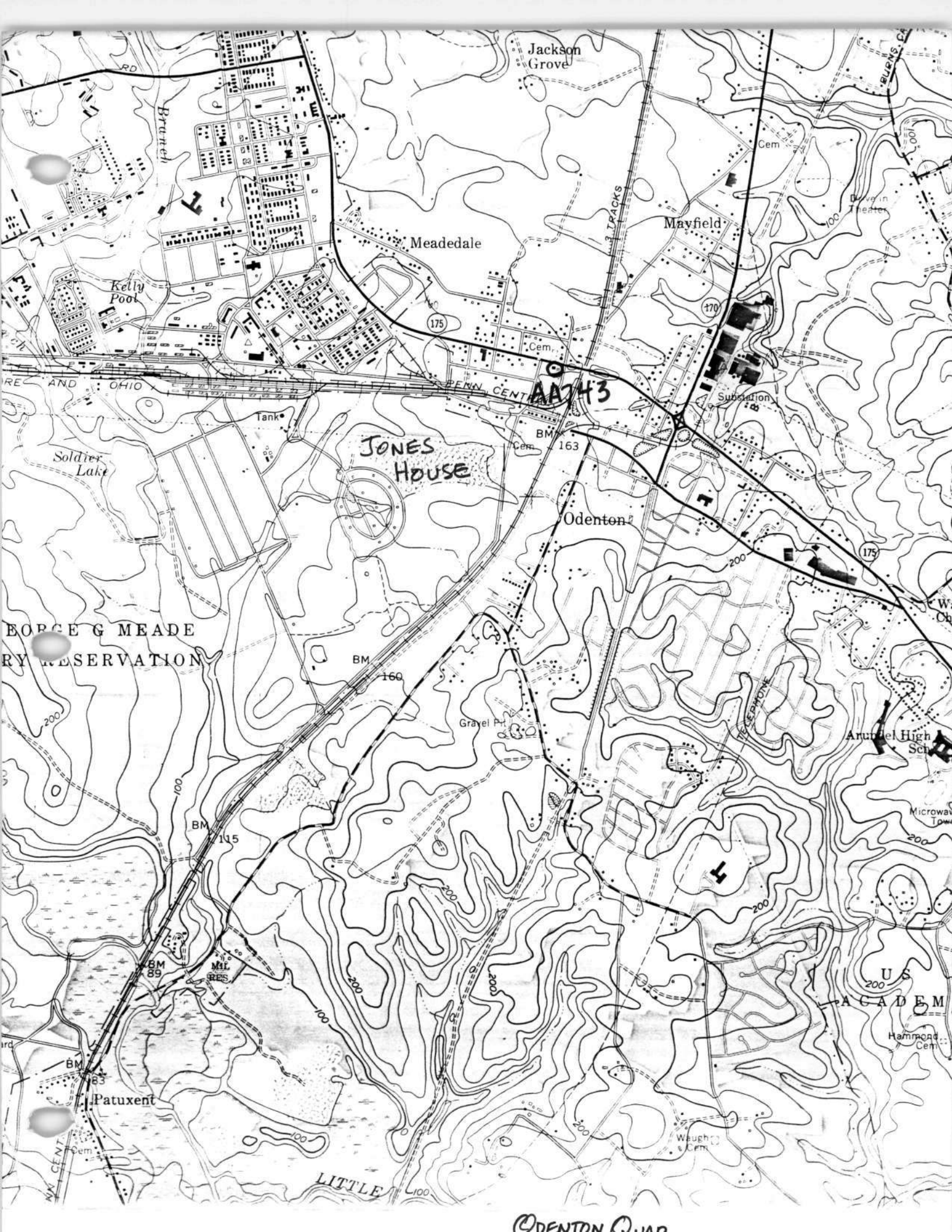
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Maryland 21401

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ODENTON ROAD







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EAST FACADE

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JONES HOUSE

VIEW FROM NORTH

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VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST

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